

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Canceled).

2. (Currently Amended) In a data communication system for transmitting data packets between a server and a wireless handset having a voice/data capability selectable between first and second operating modes, the system comprising, in combination, first and second wireless subsystems coupled to the server, the first wireless subsystem being operable in the first mode, the handset being initially in wireless communication with the first wireless subsystem in the first mode, a method of selecting the operating mode of the handset in connection with a handoff of the handset of the handset from the first wireless subsystem to the second wireless subsystem, which comprises the steps of:

associating, with the system, a data base containing data indicative of the operating mode capability of the second wireless subsystem;

transmitting query messages in the first operating mode on the second wireless subsystem from the handset to the data base after execution of the handoff to retrieve the capability data, wherein the query messages contain information identifying the wireless subsystem to which the handset is then connected;

transmitting the capability data from the data base to the handset on the

second wireless subsystem in the first operating mode; and
switching the handset into the second mode if the retrieved capability data
indicates that the second wireless subsystem is capable of operation in the second
mode.

3. (Canceled).

4. (Currently Amended) A method as defined in claim [[3]] 2, in which the
query messages further contain information identifying the current specific
latitude-longitude location of the handset.

5-6. (Canceled)

7. (Previously Presented) A method as defined in claim 25, in which the
associating step comprises designating the data base as a second Internet
destination port for the handset.

8. (Previously Presented) A method as defined in claim 25, in which the
data base further contains configuration data useful for efficient radio
communication between the handset and the second wireless subsystem in the
second mode.

9-24. (Canceled)

25. (Previously Presented) A method as defined in claim 2, in which the server is designated as a first Internet destination port for the handset, the second wireless subsystems being coupled to the server through the Internet.

26. (Previously Presented) A method as defined in claim 2, in which the first wireless subsystems subsystem comprises

a first base station coupled to the server through the Internet and the second wireless subsystem comprises second and third base stations coupled to the server through the Internet, the second base station being operable in the first operating mode, the data base containing data indicative of the operating mode capability of the third base station, the query messages being transmitted over the second base station, and the switching step comprising switching the handset into the second operating mode if the retrieved capability data indicates that the third base station is capable of operation in the second operating mode.

27. (Previously Presented) A method as defined in claim 26, in which the server is designated as a first Internet destination port for the handset.

28-34. (Canceled).